

INFORMATION PAPER

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SUBJECT: Immunization Recommendations for Disaster Recovery Operations

1. Purpose. To provide immunization recommendations for Department of Defense (DoD) personnel supporting disaster operations in Haiti.

2. Facts.

a. Routine Adult. Ensure all personnel are current for routine adult vaccinations. Do not delay deployment pending completion of immunization series.

b. Tetanus-diphtheria-acellular pertussis. Tetanus-diphtheria-acellular pertussis (Tdap) is recommended for those who have not received a tetanus booster dose within the past ten years.

c. Hepatitis A. Personnel will begin or complete the two-dose Hepatitis A vaccine series. If a dose is needed to complete the 0, 6 month schedule, administer it now. This series may be completed using the monovalent or bivalent vaccine. Further guidance on completing the vaccinations series is available at:
http://www.vaccines.mil/documents/1100MIP-Hep-vaccine-product_combinations.pdf

d. Hepatitis B. Personnel will begin or complete the three-dose Hepatitis B vaccine series. If a dose is needed to complete the 0, 1, 6 month schedule, administer it now. This series may be completed using the monovalent or bivalent vaccine. Further guidance on completing vaccination series is available at:
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e. Influenza. Ensure personnel are vaccinated with the 2009-2010 seasonal and H1N1 influenza vaccine.

f. Rabies. Vaccinate veterinarians and those involved in animal-control efforts due to high occupational exposure risk. Preventive medicine authorities will determine need for vaccination of other personnel.

g. Typhoid. Vaccinate all personnel against Typhoid fever. Individuals will receive a booster dose if greater than two years have passed since last vaccination with inactivated, injectable typhoid vaccine, or greater than five years since receipt of live, oral typhoid vaccine.

h. CDC recommendations for routine travel to Haiti can be found at:

<http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/haiti.aspx>

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